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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE ANALYSIS

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Answer of 2-02-2021

1.(b) State's share of taxes and duties

Note : The largest item of expenditure in the Union Budget 2020-21 is 'State's share of taxes and duties'. This item accounts to 20% share of the total expenditure of the Central Government.

2.(d) Borrowings and other liabilities

3.(c) A is true but R is false

4.(d) 1, 2 and 4

5. (a) 1 and 2

MCQs of 4-02-2021

Q1. The World Wetlands Day is celebrated on _____

A. February 02

B. February 28

C. June 05

D. March 21

Q2. World Cancer Day is celebrated on _____

A. February 4

B. February 24

C. July 1

D. April 4

Q3. Central Institute of Horticulture is located in?

A. Uttar Pradesh

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- B. Nagaland
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Bengal
- E. Assam

Q4. Name the Cancer which is known as The Silent Killer?

- A. Stomach Cancer
- B. Liver Cancer
- C. Lung Cancer
- D. Brain Cancer

Q5. Which of the following countries are the members of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)?

1. Afghanistan
2. Bhutan
3. Myanmar
4. Bangladesh
5. Sri Lanka

Select the correct answer code:

- A. 1,2,3,4
- B. 1,2,4
- C. 1,2,4,5
- D. 1,2,3,4,5

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NABARD looking to increase involvement in Assam: Chairman

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is looking to increase its involvement in Assam and as part of the process it is ready to substantially enhance its disbursement to the State under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) in the next fiscal.
- “The announcements in the Union Budget have given ample importance to creation of agricultural and rural infrastructure. The RIDF is managed by NABARD and its focus is on helping the State governments in the fields of agriculture and related activities, social sector and rural connectivity. I must compliment the Government of Assam for the initiative shown by it to augment and develop these sectors through the medium of RIDF. In the last fiscal, we provided Rs 1,200 crore to Assam under the scheme and this financial year also the same amount has been sanctioned. I met the Chief Minister during my visit here and he asked me to enhance the amount to Rs 2,000 crore in the next financial year. And we have promised to provide him that amount,” NABARD Chairman Dr GR Chintala told reporters here late on Tuesday evening.
- He said that hike in the allocation to RIDF to Rs 40,000 crore for the next fiscal in the recent Union Budget from Rs 30,000 crore in the current fiscal, along with enhancement of allocation for the Micro Irrigation Fund, which was also announced in the Budget, will help to accelerate the ongoing rural infrastructure projects across the country.
- Dr Chintala said there is a lot of potential in the rural economy of Assam. “Assam is witnessing resurgence and people in the rural areas of the State are very active. We are working to see how much more we can contribute to the development of the State,” he said.
- He said sectors like micro irrigation, fishery, piggery, goat rearing, farmer producer organisations (FPOs), weaving and other traditional art and craft and seed replacement, among others, have a lot of potential and the finance institution can contribute in promoting these.
- “Look at the fishery sector. There is big local demand. Production has also gone up but there is scope for more. NABARD is acting on creating awareness in this area. Fishery can generate both employment and revenue. Same is the case with piggery, goat rearing and animal husbandry. There is ample scope for micro irrigation projects including use of sprinklers and drip irrigation for increasing production. In addition, we are also looking at Off-Farm Producer Organisations (OFPOs) which are legal entities formed by producers like artisans, weavers and craftsmen. We will also concentrate on promoting OFPOs. The local craft of the North East have now got their own distinct identity, like the *gamosa* of Assam. Demand for such products is growing outside this region,” he said.

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- Dr Chintala said cultivation of oil palm can boost the economy of Assam and NE significantly and added that the region has vast potential due to greater availability of water here.
- He added that NABARD will also focus on promoting agriculture sector start-ups in the State.
- “The North East missed the first Green Revolution. Now the region can be a part of the new age agricultural revolution. In the next five to ten years Assam and the North East can show very good performance in the agriculture and allied sector,” he said.

India to spend \$ 130 bn on military modernisation

- India is vigilant in the face of attempts to change status quo at its border and is prepared to defeat any misadventures to defend its territorial integrity, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Wednesday, amid the continued military standoff with China.
- “We have long witnessed unfortunate attempts to employ force to change the status quo at our unresolved borders,” he said at the inaugural ceremony of Aero India-2021, the country’s premier Defence and aerospace show, at Yelahanka Air Force Station here.
- “India is vigilant and prepared to counter and defeat any misadventures to defend our people and territorial integrity at all costs,” he asserted.
- China and India are locked in a military standoff in eastern Ladakh since May 5 last. The two countries have held several rounds of military and diplomatic talks to resolve the face-off, but no significant headway has been made so far.
- Dubbed as Asia’s largest military aviation exhibition, the three-day Aero India event commenced amid the COVID-19 pandemic with buzz around ‘Aatma-nirbhar Bharat’ (self-reliant India) and ‘Make in India’ push.
- With a combination of both physical and virtual exhibition, the 13th edition of the biennial international event is said to be the world’s first hybrid aerospace show.
- Singh also said India plans to spend \$ 130 billion on defence modernisation in the next 7-8 years with the focus on domestic manufacturing of bigger and complex platforms.
- The government has since 2014 brought in many reforms in the defence sector to create a conducive ecosystem for exports, foreign direct investment and offset discharge, he noted.
- To achieve the twin goals of self-reliance and exports, the government has set a target to achieve a turnover of Rs 1,75,000 crore in the field of defence manufacturing, including export of Rs 35,000 crore in aerospace and defence goods and services, by 2024, Singh said.

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- The government has taken several steps to strengthen the country's security apparatus recently. Domestic manufacturing of bigger and complex defence platforms has now become the focus of our policy under the 'Aatma-nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan', he said.
- Singh said he has been informed that about 540 exhibitors, including 80 foreign companies, Defence Ministers, delegates, Service chiefs and officials from more than 55 nations are participating in the Aero India event.
- Singh also expressed gratitude to the Defence Ministers from Maldives, Ukraine, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Comoros and Madagascar who have attended this show in person, and many others who are joining virtually.

EDITORIALS

Union Budget and education sector

- The present budget has also shown a massive cut from the country's largest school education scheme, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). The overall budget for school education has been reduced by close to Rs 5000 crore for the upcoming financial year. In fact, the budget allocated for the SSA is only Rs 31,300 crore, which is considerably lower than the last year's allocation of Rs 38,860 crore,
- The Union Budget 2021-22 presented by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1 has received mixed reactions from the academicians, economists and intellectuals. The education experts say that the Budget may score good points in some parts but also express disappointments so far the education sector is concerned. The academicians and other stakeholders were eagerly waiting for the budgetary announcement on the education sector and expected a considerable increase as the Government of India has announced a new National Education Policy (NEP) from this year.
- Due to the announcement of the NEP, there is a demand for an implementation plan, focus on digital infrastructure and more fund allocation. However, poor allocation of funds in the education sector in the current budget has created doubts among the stakeholders. During the 2020-21 budget, the Government

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spent only 3.5% of the GDP on education, while the NEP suggested spending of 6% of GDP on education. But no such initiative is seen on the part of the Union Government to enhance the GDP expenditure on education in this year's budget too.

- Education has received low priority in the present budget; the Union Government has sharply slashed the budgetary allocation for education by Rs 6,088 crore. This has come at a time when schools and colleges have remained closed over ten months and which need a special economic package to get back on track. According to the budget, a total amount of Rs 93,224 crore will be allocated for the education sector. This consists of Rs 54,874 crore for the Department of School Education and Literacy and Rs 38,350 crore for the Department of Higher Education. The allocation for 2021-22 in respect to education is 6.13% less than the allocations made by the Union Government in the last year's budget. In 2020-21, the budgeted estimate for the education sector was Rs 99,312 crore which was revised to Rs 85,089 crore.
- The present budget has also shown a massive cut from the country's largest school education scheme, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). The overall budget for school education has been reduced by close to Rs 5000 crore for the upcoming financial year. In fact, the budget allocated for the SSA is only Rs 31,300 crore, which is considerably lower than the last year's allocation of Rs 38,860 crore, though the actual expenditure in 2020-21 was only Rs 28,077 crore as the schools across the country were shut due to Covid-19. The midday meal scheme will get Rs 11,500 crore and it is Rs 1400 crore lower than the last year's budget. But if we consider the expansion of the midday meal scheme as proposed by NEP 2020, it may not be at all adequate.
- While it was expected that a separate allocation would be announced for the NEP 2020, the Finance Minister did not make any such proposal during her budget speech. However, some new announcements have been made in the line of NEP 2020. It is proposed in the budget that 15,000 schools across the country will be strengthened quality-wise and will serve as exemplar schools in that region. These schools will lead the way in helping other schools to achieve the goals of the NEP.
- The budget has also proposed for establishment of 100 new Sainik schools, but these schools will be set up in partnership with NGOs or private sector schools. It indicates the Government's preference for privately funded education over the existing model of public education. There is also a proposal for establishment of 750 Ekalavya model residential schools in tribal areas and the unit cost of the schools will be increased to Rs 38 crore and Rs 48 crore for the hilly and difficult terrain areas. As per the provision of the NEP 2020, the 'Indian knowledge system' will be incorporated in an accurate and scientific manner throughout the school curriculum for which a new allocation of Rs 10 crore has been set aside.
- There is certain considerable increase in some areas in education. The budget allocation for the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) has been substantially increased from Rs 175 crore to Rs 500

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crore this year. The Finance Minister has also announced the establishment of the National Research Foundation (NRF) as recommended in the NEP 2020 last year. An outlay of Rs 50,000 crore over the next five years for the NRF will give a boost to the development of research. Innovation and R&D is one of the six pillars of this budget along with health and well-being, physical and financial capital and infrastructure, inclusive development for aspirational India, reinvigorating human capital, etc. Budgetary allocation for KVS and NVS has increased by Rs 362.32 crore and Rs 320 crore respectively. Allocation for NCERT has also increased to Rs 110.08 crore. However, there is no increase and even a marginal decrease in the scholarship scheme targeting the backward communities including pre- and post-matriculation scholarships.

- The Finance Minister in her budget speech has also mentioned that the Government will implement the legislation for setting up of the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) envisaged in the NEP 2020. With Ladakh now being recognized as a separate Union Territory, the Union Budget has proposed to set up a new central university in Leh for accessibility of higher education in Ladakh. Among the various schemes, the Rastriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which is a centrally-sponsored scheme aimed at improving quality and accessibility of higher education will get Rs 3,000 crore in the coming financial year. However, other schemes like Operation Digital Board (ODB) saw no increase in the allocation for the 2021-22 budget. ODB was launched in February 2019 to provide smart boards in all government schools and higher education institutions. The Finance Minister has also announced the National Language Translation Mission to make policy and government documents available in Indian languages. A new grant is also being offered to create formal umbrella structure in nine cities of India that are hubs of higher education that will maximize research synergies, which also retain internal autonomy. In the higher education sector, Rs 645.61 crore has been allocated for digital learning, IITs will get Rs 7686.02 crore and IIMs will get Rs 476 crore during this financial year.
- In spite of the inadequate allocations in the education sector, some new announcements in the budget have brought new hope. Everything depends on the implementation strategy.

Fixing the Northeast cancer crisis

- As they say, "Sow a thought and reap an act; Sow an act and reap a habit; Sow a habit and reap a character; Sow a character and reap a destiny."
- Our commitment to act has always led to bringing about the much-needed change in our society which in turn had led to progress. The campaign 'I am and I will' was introduced for the first time in 2019 with the

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sole aim of encouraging the crusaders against cancer to reflect on what they could do to reduce the impact of cancer upon themselves, the community they live in and the world at large. This new theme serves as a powerful reminder that no matter who we are, we all have a positive and important role to play in creating a world free of cancer.

- On this day two years back, a campaign was built to resonate, inspire change and mobilize action for the war against cancer. A campaign such as this designed over a period of few years offers a chance to create a long-lasting impact on the desired goals by increasing public exposure and engagement, along with more opportunities to build global awareness and impact driven action.
- To highlight a few important aspects, it can be said that as cancer cases keep mounting by the day, we need to create awareness about the significance of cancer notification at the state health authority level in order to help the core issues related to cancer prevention, control and cure. This will strengthen the national cancer registry project of the ICMR with regard to its policy implementation.
- As for the advantages of declaring cancer as a notifiable disease, the first and foremost advantage of that is there would be early detection of cancer and therefore the outcome of treatment will definitely be better.
- The irony however is that cancer is labelled to be incurable to a great extent because in our country 80% of the cases come in at very late stages where not only the outcome of treatment is not up to the mark, but in a race to somehow get treated, there is heavy expenditure incurred by the patient as well as the State governments. By cancer notification, the State comes to know the quantum of new cases of cancer which keep adding on year after year. It also creates a data base of how many healthy people in the State are at risk of becoming diseased.
- The record thus collected shall help the health authorities and policy-makers to slowly zero in on the primary causes of cancer within a State and thereby ascertain how they can be prevented. For example, the rampant abuse of pesticides in agricultural produce, air and water pollution, consumption of tobacco products and betel nuts, lifestyle changes, food habits, consumption of very hot beverages (like hot tea and steaming rice) lack of proper hygiene, genetic factors, etc., could be interesting areas to explore.
- These areas are vital pointers towards which more attention is highly desirable. We do need more and more hospitals for cancer cure but parallelly, it is equally important to develop a mechanism to create effective cancer awareness and screening programmes which will prove to be a major weapon in the arsenal against cancer.
- Depending on hard-core statistically-proven knowledge, the State will have to start a 'cleansing procedure' to remove cancer causing agents. Northeast India is now 'India's cancer capital'. The reason for this is a combination of lifestyle choices, low awareness and late detection. Apart from this, there is an

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acute lack of specialists and adequate treatment infrastructure – hospitals (government and private), diagnostic centres, early screening facilities, etc.

- Sadly, even though the north-eastern region has a very high rate of cancer incidence compared to the rest of the country, a number of adequately equipped treatment centres is abysmally low. This being one of the important reasons why patients need to move to centres of treatment outside the region, one would reiterate that it is not that we don't have good hospitals and specialists but sadly enough, the numbers are extremely low.
- Fixing the north-eastern cancer crisis is not a one man job. It requires the cumulative efforts of policy-makers, hospitals (government and private), administrative bodies, medical organizations and NGOs to bring about a much-needed change.
- The onus of fighting the battle against cancer more effectively also lies with the society at large. People need to adopt healthier lifestyle habits, shun tobacco from their lives and lead a physically active life. Only then can we win this battle.
- The New Year 2021, the final year of the 'I am and I will' campaign, brings to light that our actions have an impact on everyone around us, within our neighbourhoods, communities, cities and towns. And that more than ever before our actions are also being felt across borders and oceans. This year is a reminder of the enduring power of cooperation and collective action. When we choose to join hands, we can achieve what we all wish for – a healthier and brighter world without cancer. Together, all our actions matter on this World Cancer Day, who you are and what you will do shall determine the destiny of generations to come.

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